



# Hurricane Katrina

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# Preparing for Katrina

**Saturday, August 27, 2005**

- **State EOC Activated**
- **MDH Command Center Activated – 24/7**

**Sunday, August 28, 2005**

- **Conference calls with all 9 PH Districts**
- **Response teams staged**





# Katrina Comes Ashore

**Monday,  
August 29, 2005**







# SNS in Mississippi

**Tuesday, August 30, 2005**

- **Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) Teams deployed to assess hospitals**
- **RNA teams took vaccines, supplies, food, and water**
- **On phone with SNS “What do you need?”**





# SNS Request

**Wednesday, August 31, 2005**

- **Assessments of facilities complete**



# Hospitals Destroyed







# Katrina's Damage

**Health Departments  
Community Health  
Centers  
Doctor's Offices  
  
DESTROYED**





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# SNS Request

**Wednesday,  
August 31, 2005**

- **RSS Site OPENED**
- **MDH Team at RSS**
- **SNS TARU en route**





# SNS Arrives

**Friday,  
September 2, 2005**

- **6:30 am SNS Arrives**
- **Mississippi is the first state to Receive, Stage, Store, and Distribute the SNS 12-Hour Push Package**







# RSS Operations

- **DEA waiver issued**
- **SNS 12-hour push package apportioned to 9 hospitals**
  - Morphine 10 mg syringes
  - Diazepam carpuments
  - Diazepam autoinjectors





# RSS Operations

- Orders and requests for pharmaceuticals and medical supplies processed by MDH CC
- “50-bed” starter kits





# SNS in Mississippi

- **Provided medical supplies and pharmaceuticals to 65 medical entities**
  - 41 hospitals
  - 9 SMATs, DMATs, CCs
  - 6 shelters
  - 8 clinics
  - 1 ambulance service







# SNS in Mississippi

- Hospitals that were affected had DMAT units in their parking lots
- 20 hospitals and 4 Federal medical assistance teams received controlled substances





# SNS in Mississippi

- **Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) units**
- **Clinic/medical facility providing assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina**





# SNS in Mississippi

- **Assisted all mobile clinics to get supplies that the clinic requested**







# SNS in Mississippi

- **Controlled substances**
  - Demerol carpjects
  - Meperidine tablets
  - Morphine carpjects
  - Oxycodone/APAP





# SNS in Mississippi





# Lessons Learned

- **Inventory management**
  - **Electronic inventory vs manual inventory**
  - **Perpetual inventory**







# Things You Don't Expect

- How to handle donated medical supplies?
- How to handle donated medication?





# Lessons Learned

- Initially there may be **NO** way to communicate except to go to the locations
- Phone lines down, cell towers down, no power





# Lessons Learned

- **RSS operations lasted 17 days**
- **Now what**
  - **Maintenance warehouse**
  - **DEA forms to CDC**
  - **Return of unused SNS assets from hospitals**
  - **Return of Schedule II controlled substances**
  - **Federal medical entities and DEA Form 222**
  - **Report to the New Orleans Regional Field Office**





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